



ABSTRACT

Public Services – Department for Women, Child, Disabled & Senior Citizen Department - Certain financial and administrative irregularities committed by Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, the then Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Atmakur, Mahabubnagar District and now retired as Assistant Project Officer, Women and Child Development Agency, Mahabubnagar District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Imposing a major penalty of 5% cut in her eligible pension as per rules in force for a period of five years against the charged officer Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Assistant Project Officer (Retd.) – Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED AND SENIOR
CITIZENS (ESTT.)

G.O.Rt.No.100,

Dated:30-12-2014.
Read the following:-

- (1) Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, T.O.Charge Memo.No.3645/Vig.2/2007, dated 23.03.2009.
- (2) Written Statement of Self Defence submitted by the Charged Officer Smt.K.J.Devakaruna, CDPO., dated 10.04.2009.
- (3) Director, W.D. & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, T.O.Proceedings No.3645/Vig.2/2007, dated 11.01.2010.
- (4) Show Cause Notice No.3645/Vig.2/2007, dated 15.06.2010 of the Director W.D. & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.
- (5) From the Commissioner, W.D. & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Letter No.3645/Vig.2/2007, dated 01.12.2012.
- (6) Govt. Memo. No.5500/Estt.A2/2010-15, dated 22.06.2013 of Department for WCD & SC.
- (7) Explanation of the charged officer Smt.K.J.Devakaruna, dated: 06.09.2013 received through Letter No.3645/Vig.2/2007, dated: 21.09.2013 of Commissioner, W.D. & C.W. Department, A.P., Hyderabad.
- (8) Govt. Letter No.5500/Estt.A3/2010-21, dated 20.02.2014 of Department for WCD & SC.
- (9) From the Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Hyderabad, Letter No.706/RT/2/2014, dated 11.06.2014.

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ORDER:

Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, while functioning as Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Atmakur, Mahabubnagar District had committed certain huge financial and administrative irregularities for which she was placed under suspension. Based on the preliminary report, the Director, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, vide reference 1st read above, has framed 11 charges against Smt. K. J. Devakaruna, Child Development Project Officer under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991. In the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Child Development Project Officer has submitted her written statement of self defence, denying all the eleven charges framed against her. After examining the written statement of self defence of the charged officer, the Director, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, have issued

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orders, appointing the Regional Deputy Director, Women Development & Child Welfare, Hyderabad as Enquiry Officer to conduct a detailed enquiry into the charges framed against Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Child Development Project Officer vide reference 3rd read above.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Director, Women Development & Child Welfare Department has issued Show Cause Notice to the Charged Officer, Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Child Development Project Officer, directing her to show cause as to why punishment should not be imposed against her for the charges held proved, besides recovery of Rs.10,85,925/- with interest.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that the Charged Officer Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Child Development Project Officer has not submitted her explanation to the Show Cause Notice and she was retired from Govt. service on 30-06-2010 on attaining the age of superannuation.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, a provisional decision taken to impose a major penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of five years, besides recovery of Rs.10,85,925/- with interest accrued thereon in respect of Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Retired Child Development Project Officer, as nine charges were held proved in the inquiry. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the charged officer Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Child Development Project Officer why a punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of five years besides recovery of Rs.10,85,925/- with interest accrued thereon shall not be imposed against her and directed her to submit her written defense within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of Government Memo. In the reference 7th read above, the charged officer Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, Child Development Project Officer (Retd.), has submitted her explanation requesting to drop all the charges framed against her. As no new grounds put forth by the charged officer in her explanation, it has been decided to impose a major penalty of 5% [five percent] cut in her eligible pension as per rules in force for a period of five years against Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, the then Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Atmakur, Mahabubnagar District and retired Assistant Project Officer, besides recovery of Rs.10,85,925/- with interest accrued thereon since nine charges of huge financial and administrative irregularities were held proved in the enquiry and obtained the concurrence of A.P.Public Service Commission in the reference 9th read above.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose a major penalty of 5% [five percent] cut in her eligible pension as per rules in force for a period of five years against Smt. K.J. Devakaruna, the then Child Development Project Officer (Retd.), ICDS Project, Atmakur, Mahabubnagar District, now retired as Assistant Project Officer, District Women & Child Development Agency, Mahabubnagar District besides recovery of Rs.10,85,925/- with interest accrued thereon.

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6. The Director, Women Development & Child Welfare Department, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

Smt. K.J.Devakaruna, the then CDPO, ICDS Project, Atmakur, Mahabubnagar District and retired Assistant Project Officer *through* the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

The Secretary, T.S.Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Registrar, Institution of Hon'ble Lokayuktha, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General (A&E), T.S., Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, T.S.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER